

Welcome to Hillside Preschool 21/2s

Basic Daily Schedule:

Drop-off Learning Centers Clean-up & Snack Circle Time Seat Work Crafts & Centers/Potty Time Bible Lesson & Story Time Recess Coats & Totes/Dismissal

Learning Centers:

Building/Blocks: (beginning math skills) Manipulatives/Puzzles: (beginning math skills) Reading/Library: (beginning language arts skills) Dramatic Play/Kitchen & Dress-up: (building social skills & language) Free Art & Crafts: (building creativity & strengthening fine motor skills) Recess (beginning team building & strengthening gross motor skills)

Circle Time:

Calendar Weather Introduce Lesson (letter, number, shape, color, seasonal theme) Songs

Seat Work:

Worksheet that corresponds with the lesson of the day Use one color crayon for the whole month as reinforcement Introducing pencil & other fine motor activities to encourage fine motor development

Potty Training:

We encourage the children to use the potty, but do not push it if they are resistant or hesitant. We do not want to make their potty training experience a traumatic one! We check in with families daily to report on potty time and will reach out to parents to notify if we are in need of more toileting supplies

Hillside Preschool Curriculum in Accordance with the Early Childhood Expectations in the State of New Jersey

Our 2¹/₂ Year Old Students Curriculum covers the following:

Introduction to classroom structure & expectations: classroom rules, manners, & respect.

Curriculum- taught through a variety of methods, including: songs, puppetry, & stories.

Bible Stories
Basic Shapes
Primary Colors
Calendar counting 1-31
Numbers 1-10
Introduce Letters of the Alphabet
Introduce a variety of age appropriate stories
Introduce pencil & do a variety of fine motor activities to strengthen finger muscles to prepare for writing
Name Identification- First name only
Simple Sign Language
Simple Spanish Words
Variety of art projects associated with lessons using various mediums
Both Free and Planned Play Activities
Activities to encourage both Small and Large Motor Development
Simple Science Fun
Social Skills-Promote through Activities/Build Confidence
Introduce 911/ Health & Safety Rules
Specials: Chapel & Music
Field Trips: Fall & Spring
Days this class meets: MWF (am), TuTh (am) & TuTh (pm) Our afternoon 2 ½ year old class starts in January.
Classroom Ministry: Make Cards for Other Ministries associated with Hillside Lutheran Brethren Church